DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket Number CDC-2018-0024, NIOSH-302]

Draft - National Occupational Research Agenda for Respiratory Health

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Request for comment.


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DATES: Electronic or written comments must be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by CDC-2018-0024 and docket number NIOSH-302, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal:
  https://www.regulations.gov Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, NIOSH Docket Office, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226-1998.

Instructions: All submissions received in response to this notice must include the agency name and docket number [CDC-2018-0024; NIOSH-302]. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to https://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to https://www.regulations.gov. All information received in response to this notice will also
be available for public examination and copying at the
NIOSH Docket Office, 1150 Tusculum Avenue, Room 155,

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number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Occupational
Research Agenda (NORA) is a partnership program created to
stimulate innovative research and improved workplace
practices. The national agenda is developed and implemented
through the NORA sector and cross-sector councils. Each
council develops and maintains an agenda for its sector or
cross-sector.

Background: The National Occupational Research Agenda for
Respiratory Health is intended to identify the research,
information, and actions most urgently needed to prevent
occupational injuries. The National Occupational Research
Agenda for Respiratory Health provides a vehicle for
stakeholders to describe the most relevant issues, gaps,
and safety and health needs for the sector. Each NORA
research agenda is meant to guide or promote high priority research efforts on a national level, conducted by various entities, including: government, higher education, and the private sector.

This is the first Respiratory Health Agenda, developed for the third decade of NORA (2016-2026). It was developed considering new information about injuries and illnesses, the state of the science, and the probability that new information and approaches will make a difference. As the steward of the NORA process, NIOSH invites comments on the draft National Occupational Research Agenda for Respiratory Health. Comments expressing support or with specific recommendations to improve the Agenda are requested. A copy of the draft Agenda is available at https://www.regulations.gov (see Docket Number CDC-2018-0024).

Dated: March 12, 2018.

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